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CIVIL AVIATION
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SHORTAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Airport Authority of India (AAI) has conducted a study on long-term manpower requirement through a global consultant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by AAI to recruit ATCOs?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : Yes, Madam. The existing strength of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) is 2316 against the sanctioned strength of 3179.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted a study on long term manpower requirement through Washington Consultancy Group, USA, a global consultant. The consultant has conducted the study and submitted its report in December, 2011. AAI has recruited 294 ATCOs in 2011 and 188 ATCOs in 2012. Further, AAI Board has also approved creation of 680 posts of ATCOs in various grades.